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Dr. Tracy Hazen exhibited a hybrid between *Asplenium Rutamuraria* and *A. Trichomanes* from Vermont.

Adjourned until the next stated meeting.

C. STUART GAGER,
Secretary.

NEWS ITEMS

Dr. Nathaniel L. Britton was elected president of the New York Academy of Sciences at the annual meeting held on December 18.

Francis E. Lloyd has resigned his professorship in the Teachers College, Columbia University, to become a member of the staff of the Desert Botanical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution at Tucson, Arizona.

Professor William A. Kellerman, of the Ohio State University, sailed from New Orleans December 21 for Guatemala, where he will continue his collections and field studies of the parasitic fungi of that region. He is accompanied by a student assistant, Mr. A. W. Smith.

Dr. D. T. MacDougal has resigned his position as assistant director of the New York Botanical Garden to accept that of director of the department of botanical research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. His address for the coming year will be Desert Botanical Laboratory, Tucson, Arizona, except from May 1 to September 1, when it will be the New York Botanical Garden.

The course of lectures and demonstrations in connection with the nature-study work of the 4 B grade of the public schools of the Borough of the Bronx, begun by the New York Botanical Garden as an experiment last spring, has been continued during the months of October, November and December, and has been extended so as to include also the work of grade 5 B. The exercises have been attended by nearly four thousand different pupils and teachers, those of grade 5 B attending three times, those of 4 B twice. Lectures have been given by N. L. Britton, H. H. Rusby, G. V. Nash, W. A. Murrill and M. A. Howe.